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Applicant: Yasuo Koishihara
Title: INHIBITOR OF LYMPHOCYTE
ACTIVATION
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Restriction Requirements dated March 18, 2002 and the July 2, 2002 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner has required election of species within Group A: inhibitor of activation of a specific lymphocyte subset, i.e., T cells or B cells, and Group B: preventative or therapeutic agent of either an autoimmune disease, rejection of organ transplantation, or allergy. The election of species requirement is improper because it is drawn to non-pending claims. By way of Preliminary Amendment, filed February 9, 2001, claims 1-12 were cancelled and new claims 13-24 were introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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